

UNCLE OF WALDO ROGERS CONFESSES TO KIDNAPPING

Child Identifies Photo of Arrested Suspect
Criminals Remanded to Penitentiary
for Safe Keeping

Las Vegas, April 12.—The culmination of the kidnapping of four-year-old Waldo Rogers came last night at 10:30 o'clock with the arrest and confession of Will Rogers, an uncle of the child, and Jim Wiggins, an ex-convict. The prisoners were charged with breaking into and stealing from a dwelling, there being no law on the New Mexico statutes against kidnapping. When arraigned, Rogers hesitated quite a bit and then pleaded Not Guilty. Wiggins pleaded guilty to his arraignment. Justice D. W. Murray before whom the prisoners were arraigned, remanded them to the penitentiary at Santa Fe for safe keeping.

Rogers made a written statement implicating Wiggins. Later a second statement was made in writing, sworn to before a notary public giving the details of the abduction. Rogers said that reading red-backed novels was the cause of his downfall. On the way to the jails, Rogers repeated several times the statement that he must have been crazy to have planned and undertaken such a thing.

There being no law in New Mexico making kidnapping a crime the charge against the men is breaking into and stealing from a private dwelling. For this crime the maximum penalty is twelve years imprisonment in the territorial penitentiary. It is said that temporary insanity will be the defense of the prisoners. Rogers has as yet not secured counsel.

The \$12,000 ransom money was found concealed in a crevice in the Rogers home. At first Will Roger placed the money in the automobile in which he had ridden away after having secured the ransom, but later secreted it in the house of his brother-in-law.

Captain Fred Fornoff of the Mounted Police and Tim O'Leary, of the Santa Fe secret service, divide the honors of unraveling the mystery. Apolonio Sena, a member of the Mounted Police rounded up Wiggins, but it remained for Captain Fornoff to close the last break in the chain of evidence. Securing a photograph of the man, he placed it before the child, who at once recognized it as the man with whom he had lived while away from his mamma.

Relatives of Will Rogers are almost heart broken over the downfall and disgrace of one of their family, and sentiment in Las Vegas against the man is bitter. However, many look at him as a wayward youth, lured astray by the hope of the small fortune. Wiggins was induced to join in the crime by the promises of several thousand dollars of the booty, with which he intended to make his get-away.

Las Vegas, N. M., April 11.—

Laying bare the full details of one of the most daring and sensational exploits in the criminal history of New Mexico, Joe Wiggins, an ex-convict, and John and Will Rogers, uncles of little Waldo Rogers, who was stolen and ransomed for \$12,000 three weeks ago, made a clean breast of the crime when placed under arrest in Las Vegas this evening.

Wiggins was sent to the penitentiary for ninety-nine years for murder and pardoned out a few years ago by Governor Miguel A. Otero. He acted as the principal in the crime with the connivance and assistance of the Rogers boys who procured the \$12,000 from the Las Vegas bankers in the name of Judge Waldo, grand father of the abducted boy.

The officers waited until the trap was entirely perfect before they sprung it and as a result they have secured one of the most remarkable confessions on record. The men are all three in jail closely guarded and every precaution will be taken for their safe keeping.

Wiggins was sent up for a murder committed at San Marcial. It was at his house that the boy was held for the twenty-four hours, the house being only 250 yards from the place where the boy was found when Will Rogers went after him in the automobile and turned over the ransom money. All the prisoners were subjected to a long sweating process tonight by Captain of the Mounted Police Fred Fornoff and other officers and bit by bit the full story was wormed out of them. The arrest has caused the biggest sensation for years in Las Vegas and from every side the officers are being congratulated on the outcome of their long and patient investigation.—Albuquerque Journal.

Estancia Pioneer Grows Seed Corn

Joe Purcella was down from Eastview the first of the week with a load of home grown corn he sold for seed. This was well matured corn, an the ears of good size. It was grown last year without irrigation. Mr. Purcella never fails to produce the goods and he says it is part in the seed and the rest in the knowing how.—Mountainair Messenger.

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It is time every citizen that is in favor of justice was making a protest when our county officials join in to rob us through a new concern that came to our country. We have staid here and sacrificed and lost what we brought to this country and now when the ris a chance to come out, some one comes in and is not satisfied with his share, but wants the Lion's part. Our editor has done all he could for the people and has been working for a year now without compensation, to get something that will make our valley blossom as a rose. And now are we to let a stranger come in and rob all the people? Here's one for a government for all the people, by all the people.—A taxpayer.

Teddy Afraid of Race Suicide

Parenthood raised to the fourth power is the burden of Colonel Roosevelt's utterance under the head of "Race Decadence" in the current number of The Outlook.

Says the Colonel: "I believe in a full equality of rights. If women wish to vote, I favor it (although I do not think it any thing like as important for them or for the state as are many other things that they can and should do); but the extent of my reverence for and belief in a woman who does her duty, measures also my contempt for the woman who shirks her primal and most essential duty. The man who either is responsible for or acquiesces in sterility in marriage is even more contemptible than the woman, but he is the only person more contemptible. Exactly as the measure of our regard for the soldier who does his full duty in battle is the measure of our scorn for the coward who flees, so the measure of our respect for the true wife and mother is the measure of our own scorn and contemptuous abhorrence for the wife who refuses to be a mother."

FOUND MURDERED IN COMMISSARY NEAR VAUGHN

Buoro, N. M., April 11.—Abel Sedillo, an Albuquerque boy whose parents reside on South Broadway, was found murdered at Construction Camp No. 25 of the Eastern Railway of New Mexico, a few miles out from Vaughn. Sedillo, who was employed at the commissary was twenty five years of age. Apparently the young man was at work on his books, when he was approached from behind and struck over the head with an ax, cutting deep wounds in the base of the head and neck.

The father of the young man, who is feeble minded is suspected as the murderer. Mexican laborers on going to the car for supplies found the dead body in a pool of blood where the young man had fallen from the chair on which he had been sitting. The authorities were at once notified, and a deputy sheriff came from Vaughn. A coroners jury was empanelled and the laborers examined. Nothing definite was learned from the murderers. The father, Francisco Sedillo is said to have gone to Casaus, and a deputy sheriff has gone to that place to bring him back. It is reported that at one time the father was in the asylum at Las Vegas.

Kenyon Elected Senator from Iowa

Des Moines, Iowa, April 12.—William S. Kenyon, a progressive republican was today elected United States Senator to succeed the late Senator Dolliver. The election occurred on the 67th ballot. The legislature, which has been in deadlock all winter, adjourned sine die.

Plenty of Moisture

(By H. B. Hening, Albuquerque, N. M.)

Reports of the United States weather bureau at Santa Fe show that the month of February just closed had the heaviest precipitation which has occurred in New Mexico during that month for forty years. Practically the whole of the soon-to-be state was soaked by the downpour of snow and rain, and with great snow banks in the mountains and the country thoroughly soaked, irrigators, stockmen and dry farmers are happy. The dry farmers, however, are particularly jubilant, and with good cause. The past three years have been years of unusual drouth in New Mexico. The dry farmers have suffered severely, and many homesteaders, unfamiliar with dry farming and but poorly established on their lands, have been forced to abandon them temporarily. With the recent heavy rains, however, the prospects for the coming season are very bright. Many homesteaders who have been forced to seek a livelihood off their claims are returning, and the prospects now are that the dry farming acreage in New Mexico in actual cultivation will be double this season. This increase will be due not only to the favorable weather conditions, but the fact that the great dry farming campaign of education has had its effect in the southwest. Not only has the work of Dry Farming Congress been felt, but the railroad systems have placed experts in the field charged with the single duty of teaching the newly arrived homesteaders and land buyers from the "rain belt" how to dry farm, what to dry farm, and when to do it. The campaign of education is taking hold, and the industry in New Mexico is upon a more substantial basis than ever before in spite of the three years of drouth.

Frazier Said to be Very Ill

Friends in this city have received word of the serious illness of William Frazier in Inverness, Scotland. Mr. Frazier is reported suffering from cancer of the stomach, and physicians hold out little hope of his recovery. Mr. Frazier was formerly engaged in the sheep business in New Mexico and owned extensive ranches in the Estancia Valley. He has a host of friends throughout New Mexico who will be pained to learn of his illness.—Albuquerque Journal.

Sheriff Meyer takes Starboarder

Sheriff Meyer is accustomed to take in boarders at any time day or night, but the young man who arrived at his place Sunday night seeking food, lodging and raiment caused him no little anxiety as he came without commitment papers from any of the justices of the county. The big-hearted sheriff has decided that the young fellow should be cared for, anyway, and has taken him in, regardless of the absence of formal papers. Mrs. Meyer is reported as doing well, and the young man is satisfied with his new home.

Boundary Line to be Re-marked

Washington, D. C., April 12.—

The United States Boundary Commission will start on April 15th to re-establish the disputed boundary line between New Mexico and Texas. The work will commence at the southeast corner of New Mexico. The commission is composed of Francis Cockrell, representing the United States and Sam R. Scott, representing Texas. It will require about three months time to complete the work. Thirty brass plates will be set in beds of solid cement, three feet square, to replace the piles of stone placed by Clark a number of years ago.

Prevaricator Again Busy

The Evening Prevaricator used a column of its space last evening in advertising the News, accomplishing little more than to show its ignorance of affairs in Torrance county. It accuses the News of having asked for pay for work which it has done. What an awful crime! Even after having waited from 1905 until 1909, four years for pay for the printing done during the first year of the county's existence, it is an awful crime to compel the county commissioners to pay for the work.

The transcribing of the county commissioners proceedings which was necessary after the fire which destroyed the courthouse and records last July, should have been done gratis according to that famous authority. The law provides a rate for transcribing of county records, and at this rate the transcribing of the commissioners proceedings which the editor of the News did for \$450.00 would have amounted to over \$1200, for the work of transcribing alone. And is not the work of saving the files not only of the News, but of the various county papers, worth something? These files are our own private property. Running an up-to-date office as we are, we have files not only of the News, but of every paper published in the county. Imagine the Herald editor giving the use of his files gratis, when he is not satisfied to even bid less than legal rate for printing.

The News did not make a price on twenty-four books of tax receipts in 1910, nor any other year. Had the Prevaricator taken the trouble to have investigated the matter he would have found that the prices were made on different amounts of printing. How about the 500 letterheads and 500 envelopes which the county treasurer ordered from the same Albuquerque firm, the bill being paid at the last meeting of the county board? This work cost the county \$6.50, when the bid of the News was \$4.00 on the same work.

As to what we have had to say of competence or incompetence of the county commissioners in the past the News readers know better than does the Herald editor. If he will take the trouble to look the matter up, he will not make the statements as he has done. In regard to what the commissioners said in our office, we know better than does one who was not here.

DR. HYDE IS GIVEN NEW TRIAL

Kansas City, Mo., April 11.—Dr. B. C. Hyde, whose sensational trial for the murder of his father-in-law Swope will be readily recalled by the reading public, has been granted a new trial by the supreme court of Missouri at Jefferson City. Dr. Hyde has been in jail, having been sentenced to life imprisonment. He will be held in custody without bail until the new trial can be had. His wife, who stood so firmly by her husband during his former trial, has lost not one bit of faith in him, and is prepared to see him through the ordeal of the coming trial.

BURGLARS ARE BUSY AT MOUNTAINAIR

Last Friday night burglars entered Lorey Bros. meat market and took about all the eatables in sight, including a jar of pickles. They consumed the pickles on the spot and left the jar on the ground out side the building. They took about 30 or 40 pounds of meat. They broke a padlock on the outside and pried the knob lock open with a bar. The same night some one broke a pane of glass in the door of J. H. Rhoades store and were probably frightened away by Mrs. Chas. L. Burt who heard the noise and opened the front door of the house, which is diagonally across the street from the Rhoades store. The same night and probably the same men, tried to enter the Hotel Mountainair through a window. Mr. White, the proprietor heard the noise and saw the men but they got away before he could even get a good view of them. Since the reign of petty thieving began some of the merchants have arranged to have some one sleep on the premises.—Mountainair Messenger.

Gallup Bank is Organized

Gallup, N. M. April 6.— Application to organize the First National Bank of Gallup has been approved by the Comptroller of the Currency and at a stockholders' meeting held on the 31st day of March the following officers and directors were elected:

W. H. Morris, the wealthiest man in McKinley county, heads the bank as president; W. M. McDermott, superintendent of the Victor American Fuel company's mines at Gibson, vice president; T. P. Talle, the popular sheriff of McKinley county, second vice president, and O. A. Fisk, until recently president of the Estancia Savings bank cashier.

The directors include the officers and F. L. Andrews, T. E. Purdy, John Thatcher, J. Carran and F. C. Swartz.

All of the above named gentlemen are well and favorable known in Gallup, and are very strong influentially as well as financially.

The bank will be equipped with the late model Eley-Norris Double Compound Door Manganese Safe; double vault with complete line of safety deposit boxes and quarter-sawed oak fixtures.